

Catawba County Emergency Medical Services Standard Operating Guidelines

Cardiac Catheterization Stand-By

Catawba County EMS will provide coverage for Catawba Valley Regional Medical Center during cardiac catheterizations. This policy describes the process involved in receiving the request and dispatch of a unit.

- Hickory base is responsible for monitoring the O2 level in the D cylinder that is kept in the cardiac catheterization lab.
- Upon receipt of a request for cardiac catheterization stand-by the Communications Center will dispatch the appropriate EMS crew.
- Upon the crews arrival at CVMC they will position the ambulance at the MRI entrance and the personnel will proceed to the cardiac catheterization lab control room.
- As a minimum the following equipment will be taken to the control room:
 - Cardiac monitor
 - Pulse oximeter
 - Stretcher
 - Extra 1-inch tape for securing IV lines
 - A Stryker stretcher should be in the rear area of the catheterization lab control room with monitor tray and IV poles in place.
- Catheterization lab personnel will make the decision as to when transport is required.

Billing Information

- Stand-By Only – The crew will complete a PCR as normal. “210” will be entered for the Class of Call and “50” or “51” will be entered into the billing field labeled Catheter Contract.
 - 50 is to be entered when the time from arrival at the scene to clearing from the call is less than or equal to 60 minutes
 - 51 is to be entered when the time from arrival at the scene to clearing from the call is more than 60 minutes
- Transport of the Patient – The crew will enter two separate PCRs. The first will be inclusive of the stand-by portion of the call and the second will start when the patient is loaded onto the stretcher for transport and will terminate when the receiving facility assumes care of the patient.
 - The Stand-By PCR will be completed as defined above.
 - The Transport PCR will be completed as any normal call and requires inclusion of the patient's demographic and billing information, etc..